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SUBJ: LUNAR MOON ROCKS

REF: (1) NEW DELHI 10542 (2) STATE 184741 (3) NEW DELHI 10615

1. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT'S RELUCTANCE IN CLEARING SHIPMENT OF PRICELESS MOON ROCKS TO BE SENT BY DIPLOMATIC POUCH. WE DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO A HASSLE WITH THE GOI ABOUT HOW ROCKS ENTERED INDIA. WE DECIDED ORIGINALLY THAT THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH WOULD BE THE MOST PRACTICAL AND CONVENIENT METHOD OF SHIPPING ROCKS IN AND OUT OF INDIA. THIS HAS BEEN CONTINUING FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. THE RADIATION ELEMENT IS VERY LOW AND THE ROCKS ARE PROTECTED BY A LEAD SHIELD WITH NO DANGER OF RADIATION ESCAPE FROM THE BOX CONTAINING THE ROCKS.

2. WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH MR. RICHARD BARNES, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL PLANNING & PROGRAMS, NASA.

3. MR. JACK MILLER, SITE PROJECT MANAGER FOR NASA, IS LEAVING DELHI SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, BY PAA FLYING STRAIGHT THROUGH TO NEW YORK AND COULD ACT AS COURIER. WE FEEL THIS IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION WITHOUT EMBARRASSEMNT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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